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NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 3, 2003, of the Examiner finally rejecting the claims, including claims 1-11, 13-38, 40, 42-46, and 48-61.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. X A petition for a 2-month extension of time to respond to the Final Rejection is filed herewith.
- 2. X A timely response to the Final Rejection has been filed, as provided in 37 CFR 1.113.
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 - Not required (fee paid in prior appeal).
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